

ARMED SHIPS ON GUARD.

Canadians Have Fleet Pa-
trolling the Cape Shore.

WATCHING SEINING FLEET.

Ordered To Use Drastic Measures
for Law Enforcement.

Under date of May 29, the following dispatch was sent from Quebec:

"Four armed steam cruisers and six patrol boats guard the coast of Nova Scotia to prevent 180 American schooners from entering the three-mile limit after the immense schools of mackerel which have come within the line.

"The Canadian government received an urgent request for protection on Tuesday from the Halifax agent of the marine and fisheries department, who reported that mackerel by the millions had come into Nova Scotia water and that a large fleet of Americans was transgressing the international law by fishing within the three-mile limit.

"The minister of marine and fisheries placed the matter in the hands of Capt. Spain, commander of the Canada marine service, who sent the cruisers and patrol boats to protect the coast, with orders to use drastic measures in the enforcement of the law. Capt. Spain is at present in Quebec and in constant telegraphic communication with the Canadian fleet.

"It is said that the American fishermen are prepared to take desperate chances to secure a share of the catch."

We thought it was about time to hear this annual and now moss-grown howl about vessels taking mackerel inside the three mile limit. It has got to be like the perennial story about the peach crop being a failure—nobody takes any stock in it.

As a matter of fact, but one American seiner has been seized during the past 10 years for seining inside the three miles limit, and so great is the doubt existing that she was really inside that the case is now occupying the attention of the officials of both this country and England.

The dispatch speaks of 180 sail of seiners and the water inside the limit teeming with fish. Well, those statements look well on paper, but the facts are the American seining fleet on the Cape Shore numbers 50 sail, and if the waters are teeming with fish, how is it that the catch of the Nova Scotia boats and traps and their shipments of fresh mackerel to date to Boston has been the lightest for years?

The statement in the dispatch that the American seiners are transgressing and fishing inside the limit is probably about as near right as are the two other statements above referred to.

Good Stocks

Sch. Helen G. Wells, Capt. Albert Larkin, stocked \$250 on her recent shack trip, the crew sharing \$74.22.

Good Rips Fares.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, Capt. Fred Howard, and E. C. Hussey, Capt. John Swim, arrived from the Rips this morning with good fares, 50,000 pounds each of salt cod.

RIGHT AFTER THE FISH

Capt. Jacobs Reported with
550 Barrels Mackerel.

WAS AT CANSO, N. S. FRIDAY.

First Consignment of New Irish
Mackerel Friday.

Steamer Alice M. Jacobs harbored at Canso on Friday going from there to Port Mulgrave for water. She had 550 barrels of mackerel on board. Schs. Braganza also arrived there on Friday, and schs. Latona, S. F. Maker, Priscilla Smith cleared the same day.

Schs. Hattie M. Graham, Victor, Harvard, Saladin and Rival were at Louisburg, C. B., on Thursday.

Sch. A. B. Nickerson landed seven barrels of fresh mackerel at Provincetown on Wednesday and also brought in 30 barrels of large fresh mackerel on Friday.

The Dominion Fisheries Intelligence Bureau reports mackerel scarce at Spry Bay and Isaac's Harbor, one trap took 9000 mackerel at Canso Friday, some netters took two barrels at West Arichat, mackerel striking in at Arichat.

The Port Hawkesbury Eastern Journal says: "The great fish killer of Gloucester, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, arrived at Canso, on Tuesday with his steam seiner. She presented a fine sight as seen at the wharf with her decks filled with mackerel, from stern to stern. He filled his barrels, shipping his trip to Gloucester, after which he proceeded in search of another haul."

Five seiners were at Louisburg, C. B., on Wednesday and reported mackerel scarce. Sch. Hattie M. Graham had 75 barrels.

The local fishermen in Guysboro Bay, N. S., made very profitable catches of mackerel during the past week. Some of these mackerel were retailed at 15 cents each.

Sch. Edna Wallace Hopper was spoken a week ago Friday off Canso, N. S., with 80 barrels of mackerel on deck.

A fleet of 20 seiners harbored at North Sydney, C. B., on Thursday. They report that some of the fleet made very good catches off Whitehead early in the week.

The Halifax Herald of Thursday says that there is a large number of American mackerel seiners on the Cape Breton coast at present. They report fish here scarce, but made good catches off Whitehead a few days ago.

Sch. Diana was at North Sydney, C. B. on Friday with 125 barrels of salt mackerel. Her skipper wired home to learn what the prospect is to the southward.

A small lot of Irish mackerel, the first receipts of spring cured Irish mackerel this season, reached Boston on Friday. The consignment was 25 barrels and the fish go 280 count to the barrel.

The catch of fresh mackerel to date is 27,748 barrels against 37,374 barrels last year.

Mackerel are reported plentiful at Whitehead, N. S.

Off on Salt Trips.

Sch. Ada K. Damon, Capt. West; Lottie Brynes, Capt. Roderick; Willie Swift, Capt. Matheson; William Matheson, Capt. Marshall, and the Portuguese sch. Julia 1st sailed Monday for the Grand Banks from Provincetown.

The Portuguese Sch. Julia 1st took 5000 lbs. frozen squid from the Provincetown cold storage plant as an additional supply of bait on her Grand Bank voyage.

GOOD NEWS RECEIVED.

Mackerel Schooling Between
Whitehead and Canso.

SOL. JACOBS HAS 300 BARRELS.

Seiners Reported Making Good
Hauls off Whitehead.

The news contained in despatches received from the Cape Shore this noon is of a very encouraging nature, and while somewhat indefinite and containing few particulars still is sufficiently strong to warrant the belief that the Cape Shore outlook is much better than at the first of the month.

Steamer Alice M. Jacobs, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, was at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday with 300 barrels of salt mackerel. Schs. Seconnet, Speculator, Arcadia, Latona, S. F. Maker, Priscilla Smith and Kentucky were also there, their catches not being reported.

The Dominion Fisheries Intelligence Bureau of Thursday under information from Whitehead, N. S., reports good hauls being made by the seiners off shore. The boats also took from one to four barrels each.

The Bureau also reports mackerel schooling between Whitehead and Canso and plentiful in Chebucto Bay. At Canso the nets took 1000 mackerel and the Yarmouth traps took 350. None are reported at Clark's Harbor and Port la Tour, few at Lunenburg, fair at Spry Bay.

Additional arrivals today at Newport are:

Sch. Lafayette, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Startle, 400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Maud Gertrude, 1200 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Dart, 1700 fresh mackerel.
Steamer Lydia, 1000 fresh mackerel.

Additional arrivals at New Bedford today are:

Sch. Ida L. Miller, 57 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Sarah C. Wharf, 35 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Nickerson, 15 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Olive May, 5 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Marguerite, 15 barrels fresh mackerel.

The following arrivals are reported at New York this forenoon:

Sch. Frank Munroe, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lizzie Hunt, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Bertha M. Miller, 1200 fresh mackerel.

Steamer Alice M. Jacobs was at Port Hawkesbury, C. B., yesterday for water and coal and sailed immediately after receiving these commodities.

Fresh Cod Drop.

At a meeting of the fresh fish committee of the board of trade this morning, large cod caught on La Have Bank and to the westward, were dropped 10 cents to \$2 per hundred weight, and large cod caught east of La Have Bank to \$1.80, also a drop of 10 cents per hundred pounds. No change on other prices.

Did Some Tall Hustling.

The big fare of fresh fish of sch. Ella M. Goodwin was taken out in eight and a quarter hours at Reed & Gamage's wharf at East Gloucester on Friday. This is certainly very quick work.